

Coffee County Board of Education holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a brief but productive meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 7, as Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram opened the meeting with good news.

Dr. Ingram said the board has "cause to celebrate" as she announced all bonded indebtedness has been paid off. She said this mostly was from 1990 renovations.

Board vice chairman Danny Jernigan commended those, especially Dr. Ingram, that have worked so hard to help get the school system physically sound to allow for such an announcement.

Board members approved an out-of-state travel request from instructor Dennis Busby to take a group of seniors from Kinston High School to a welding competition in Florida later this month.

Also during the meeting, Dr. Ingram presented a "draft" copy of the proposed school calendar for the 2008-09 school term. She said a copy of the draft has been posted on the school system's website and sent to the schools. She said she certainly will accept any comments regarding the calendar before the board approves it during an upcoming meeting.

Dr. Ingram did note the existence of a bill in the Legislature that if passed will play havoc with the calendar. According to Dr. Ingram, the bill if passed would not allow school to begin until around Aug. 18 and the school year would have to be complete around May 22nd.

Dr. Ingram suggested board

members contact local legislators to express their displeasure in the bill and ask them to vote against it.

"Our calendar works for our community," she said. Dr. Ingram said the proposed bill would force the school system to shorten several breaks currently included in the school calendar.

Jernigan added that another thing the proposed bill will do is take control away from the local level in regards to setting the school calendar. He said he believes control of the school calendar should remain at the local level.

The proposed 2008-09 calendar presented by Dr. Ingram has students' first day of school set for Wednesday, Aug. 6, while their last day will be Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Board members approved several personnel matters recommended by Dr. Ingram during last Thursday evening's meeting. These matters included:

Regional peanut production meetings underway

The 2008 Alabama Regional Peanut production meetings, which began Jan. 1, will continue with five more meetings scheduled throughout the state's peanut-producing areas.

Scheduled speakers include: Randy Griggs of the Alabama Peanut Producers Association on the farm bill and industry issues; Marshall Lamb and Wilson Faircloth of the National Peanut Research Laboratory on marketing and economics; and Kris Balkcom, Austin Hagan and Ron Weeks of Auburn University's Wiregrass Research and Extension Center on production updates and issues.

For more information about the production meetings, contact your nearest county Extension system.

Alabama peanut producers will also be gathering at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan on Thursday, Feb. 7, as the third annual Alabama-Florida Peanut Trade Show opens.

Outdoor agricultural exhibits, equipment demonstrations, a "biodiesel" classroom on wheels and more will be featured.

For more information on the trade show, contact Teresa Wilson at (334) 792-6482.

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• Approve catastrophic leave for Tracy Whittaker, library media specialist at New Brockton Elementary School

• Accept the resignation of Shasta Arnett as cheerleader sponsor at Zion Chapel School

• Employ Andrea Maness as cheerleader sponsor at Zion Chapel School

• Approve catastrophic leave for Renee Flowers, lunchroom worker at New Brockton

• Approve the resignation of Bertie Thomas, LPN at New Brockton Elementary School

• Employ Linda Black as LPN at New Brockton Elementary School

• Employ Wendy Hardy as part-time custodian at Zion Chapel School

The next regular scheduled meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education will be Thursday, March 6.

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Maddox's vehicle. Zachos was transported to Enterprise Medical Center for treatment.

Reports indicate Maddox was traveling in the wrong direction on the 4-lane road when the accident occurred approximately 7 miles east of Elba.

Mayor Cole said he spoke with officials from the Alabama Department of Transportation following this accident, and they expressed concern.

"I would like to caution (motorists) again to slow down, observe the signs and watch out for other drivers," said Cole.

The mayor especially stressed paying attention to the road signs. He said local officials are doing everything they can in regards to patrolling the area to try and keep motorists in check.

However, he recognizes it also will take extra precaution from

motorists as all become familiar with the new roadway.

Cole said last Friday's fatal accident only heightens concern from officials as they work to urge motorists to be more cautious as they travel around the new bypass.

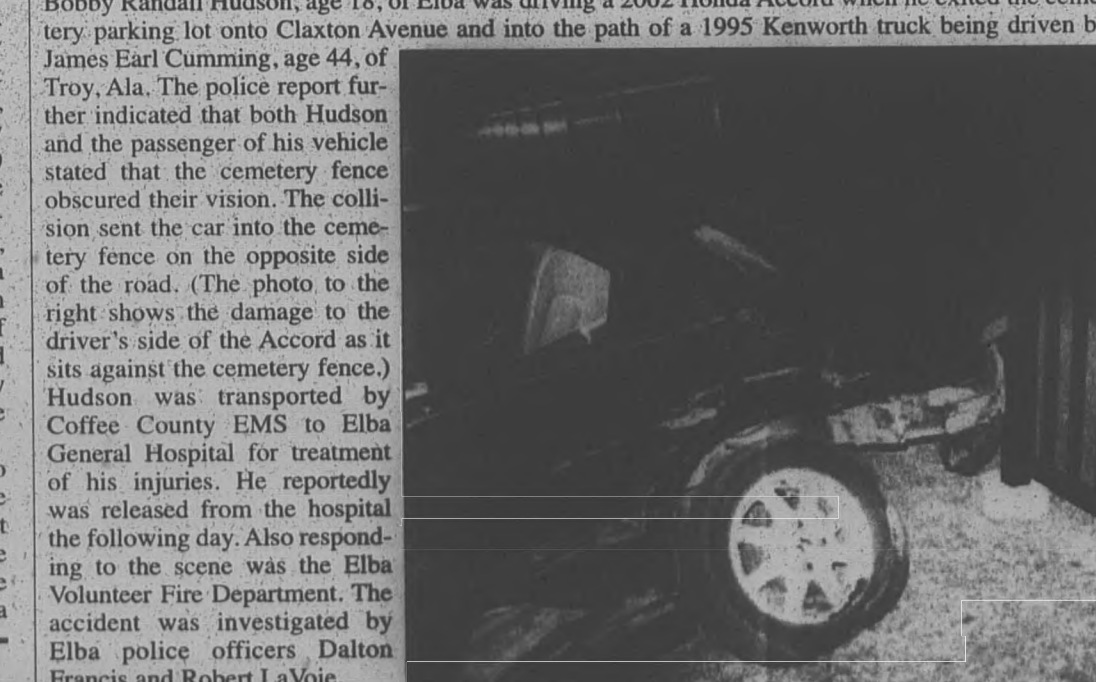
"It can be confusing, especially for young people and the elderly," he said.

On Tuesday morning of this week, Mayor Cole said he had made yet another phone call to DOT officials asking about additional signage for the bypass. In particular, he was concerned about a divided-highway sign for motorists as they enter the bypass, especially traveling east from Elba. He also noted the lengthy section of road traveling west where the bypass begins but the highway is not divided at this point.

Valentine's night wreck in Elba sends one to the hospital



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED Thursday evening, Feb. 14, at approximately 6:36 p.m., to the scene of a two-vehicle accident on Claxton Avenue in Elba at the Evergreen Cemetery. Upon arrival, officials discovered a log truck had collided with a small car. According to police, Bobby Randall Hudson, age 18, of Elba was driving a 2002 Honda Accord when he exited the cemetery parking lot onto Claxton Avenue and into the path of a 1995 Kenworth truck being driven by James Earl Cumming, age 44, of Troy, Ala. The police report further indicated that both Hudson and the passenger of his vehicle stated that the cemetery fence obscured their vision. The collision sent the car into the cemetery fence on the opposite side of the road. (The photo to the right shows the damage to the driver's side of the Accord as it sits against the cemetery fence.) Hudson was transported by Coffee County EMS to Elba General Hospital for treatment of his injuries. He reportedly was released from the hospital the following day. Also responding to the scene was the Elba Volunteer Fire Department. The accident was investigated by Elba police officers Dalton Francis and Robert LaVoie.



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NEW RESTAURANT OPENS...Elba's newest eatery, The Table, opened recently in a location on the 203 Bypass next door to the Dollar General. The Table is co-owned by mother and daughter, Henri and Shannon Allen and is open daily. The restaurant's menu offers a variety of choices. The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed The Table to business Friday afternoon, Feb. 8, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Those in attendance included (left to right): Ryan Tutor, Aaron Drewery, Junior Miss Elba Cortlin Lee, Shane Allen holding Nathan Allen, Eddie Vaughan, Summer Stricklin, Jencie Allen, Jason Hall, Tesha Lee, Shyanne Allen, Junior Stanford, Shannon Allen - owner, Little Miss Elba Kayla Seay, L.M. Burch, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Barry Giles, Henri Allen - owner, Future Little Miss Elba Makyla Polk, Rene Lambert, Terry Allen, Britany Layton, Doris Matthews, Call Crook, Becky Thompson, Herby McCall and Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



Alabama State Troopers investigate the scene of a fatal accident last Friday, Feb. 15, on the U.S. Highway 84 bypass in New Brockton. The two-vehicle accident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Audit reports reveal missing funds from Coffee County jail account

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Two separate audits released last week by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts revealed missing funds for the Inmates' Money on Deposit Fund for the Coffee County Jail.

In a statement released last Thursday, Feb. 14, Coffee County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth said shortly after taking office on Jan. 16, 2007, Sheriff Dave Sutton and his staff found discrepancies in jail bank accounts. At that time, the department requested an audit by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

Two audits were filed Friday, Feb. 15. The first audit involved the period from Oct. 1, 2004, Jan. 15, 2007. The second audit involved the period from Jan. 16, 2007 - Aug. 31, 2007.

The report submitted by Audra Lynn Otto, examiner of public accounts, to Ronald L. Jones, chief examiner, on the Office of Sheriff, Coffee County, Alabama for the period of Oct. 1, 2004 - Jan. 15, 2007 came under the administration of Sheriff Benjamin M. Moates.

Among the findings was that funds received by the Office of Sheriff were not deposited timely and intact. Otto noted matters including:

• The jail bookkeeper was found to have funds received in the office consisting of cash, checks and money orders, in a box at her home, totaling \$30,858.45. The report said these funds were deposited into

the official bank account on Jan. 25, 2007.

• Deposits for the Inmates' Money on Deposit Fund, the Work Release Fund, and the Prisoners' Money on Deposit Fund were not deposited timely and intact.

• Pistol permit receipts and extradition reimbursements were not deposited timely.

• Receipts totaling \$36,811.60 for the Inmates' Money on Deposit Fund were not deposited into the official bank account.

The audit report indicated \$36,811.60 has been directly charged to Debra Williams, jail bookkeeper during the time period of the audit. Furthermore, the report said official demand was made on Williams to pay the charge, but she has not done so.

Williams also did not appear at a hearing before the chief examiner to show just cause why the charge should be relieved. The report has been turned over to the District Attorney's office for collection.

Another notable finding in this audit report was that an employee of the sheriff's department resigned and stated he had lost a weapon assigned to him. The report indicated the department did not request reimbursement or file a police report for the missing weapon. Otto recommended that procedures should be in place to account for all assigned equipment.

The second audit report on the Office of Sheriff for the period of Jan. 16, 2007-Aug. 31, 2007 came under the administration of Sheriff David Terry Sutton Sr.

Also submitted by Otto, this report found:

• deposits for the Inmates' Money on Deposit Fund, the Work Release Fund, and the Prisoners' Money on Deposit Fund were not deposited timely and intact.

• receipts totaling \$2,947.11 for the Inmates' Money on Deposit Fund were not deposited into the official bank account.

The missing funds of \$2,947.11 again were directly charged to jail bookkeeper Debra Williams, and the report was turned over to the District Attorney's office for collection since the charge remains due and unpaid.

In his statement last week, Whitworth said while the audit was being conducted, the bookkeeper (Williams) resigned her position at the Coffee County Jail. He said all bank accounts have now been transferred to an accounting clerk at the sheriff's office and new controls and procedures have been put in place to ensure that the office is properly accounting for public funds.

Area Happenings

THE DEADLINE TO ENTER THE Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants is this Friday, Feb. 22. Please refer to the pageant registration packet for details. The pageants will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Zion Chapel Auditorium. For more information or to get a registration packet, call 897-2287.

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB will hold the annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 1, from 6-10 a.m. in the Elba Senior Citizens building. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the Coffee County Farm Center. Anyone interested in the honeybee is welcome to attend. For more information call Al Liggins at 334-566-7340 or Jerry Whittaker at 334-894-2077.

FIRST CHOICE HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM will be held Saturday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Covenant Community Church in Elba. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register call 897-0650.

THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is planning a Legislative Breakfast for Friday, March 21. For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Fern Cox

Scam artist are still active in Coffee County. Last week we heard of one where people are getting phone calls about their car warranties. The callers give a "hard sell scare tactic" to extract bank account numbers, etc. One family member reports that the best he can tell about his mother's scammer is the company is actually an off shore group and virtually untouchable by U.S. courts. Interestingly we read the results of a study which showed, "Women tend to answer every question asked of them because they do not want to be perceived as incompetent or uncooperative." Just remember you didn't invite these folks to call you, you have no idea who they are, nor if there is an honest bone in their body, etc. Folks, just hang up on these calls! Well, if you are afraid of hurting feelings quickly decline the offer and then hang up. . . don't give them time to debate with you. . . if they get someone to debate, they feel they have found a sucker and will keep on and on. We also strongly recommend signing up on the federal "Do Not Call" list. It is not perfect but it does eliminate an untold number of these calls. Do this for your elderly family members. It is amazing how these con artists can successfully rip off an elderly person. . . even one normally thought to have good common sense business savvy. . .

Also remember that your bank will not call (nor e-mail) asking for your account number. They have your name, account number(s) and access to balances, checks written, deposits made, etc. Neither will the IRS call or e-mailing asking for your personal information.

Recently we visited with the owners of the new coffee roasting operation in Elba. The aroma of roasting coffee beans led us to drop in for an impromptu question and answer session. They are still working to get the operation moved to Elba but it is taking much longer than was expected. While we were in the building they were testing one of the roasting machines. It was amazing to watch them go through all the computer adjustments for each particular type of coffee bean. We learned that the roasting time, temperature, rotation speed of the roaster drum, etc., differ widely for the best results with each type of coffee bean. Anyway, while the owners missed their original target date for opening the Elba operation, they are moving in the right direction. There is still some work to do inside the building, the roasters are not fine tuned and a host of other things are blocking even the setting of a firm opening date, yet we were assured it will happen.

This week we have got to at least acknowledge the ongoing national political battle for both the Democrat and Republican nominations for president. While the Republican race appears to be headed to a clear cut selection, the two leading Democrats are still virtually neck and neck in overall delegate count. That could swing to a favorite by the time our readers get this edition of the paper or the race could jar memories with us senior citizens of years past. Those were the days when political party delegates actually cut their deals and swapped votes during the national conventions.

Violence in schools and society in general is growing at an alarming rate. This brings on more questions than answers. One "expert" from a well known think tank credits a host of problems, including the impact of media violence on today's youth, as well as the consequences of amorality, a loss of community, the breakdown of the family and an increased emphasis on materialism. History has seen whole civilizations crash for the very reasons listed above.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, February 11, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for theft of property, one for a disorderly person, three for burglary, two for breaking and entering a motor vehicle, one for theft of services, one for public intoxication, one for a burglar alarm.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for theft of property, one on warrant for a U.S. Navy deserter, two for theft of services and one for burglary.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for being stopped or parked on the roadway, twenty-six for violation of the seat belt law, one for a revoked driver's license, eight for speeding, two for an expired tag, one for a suspended driver's license, five for violation of the noise ordinance, one for negotiating a worthless non-negotiable instrument and two for operating without insurance.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the intersection of Jackson and Parker streets (10:40 a.m.).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - Routine activity.

More about economic stimulus payments (Editorial by Congressman Terry Everett)

Last week, President Bush signed the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, clearing the way for nearly 138 million American tax filers to receive a rebate payment. According to the U.S. Treasury Department, stimulus payments will go out beginning in May and should be completed by December 31.



CITY AWARDED ALABAMA POWER FOUNDATION TREE GRANT. The City of Elba recently was awarded a \$700 tree grant from Alabama Power and Alabama Urban Forestry Association as part of the "Plant a Tree in Alabama - Community Forestry Project." Trees were purchased from a local tree farm and planted at the new Elba playground (TigerTown Park) by city workers and master gardener volunteers. Ann Haney from New Brockton and Nell Gilmer. Trees planted included a 4-year-old Overcup oak and 15 large Leyland cypress trees. Last spring there were 21 trees planted at the park, including maples and crepe myrtles, and a live oak tree (which became diseased and had to be removed). These trees were purchased from donations and a plaque will be placed at the playground entrance with the names of those who donated trees.

Based on data from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 2 million Alabama tax filers will receive some form of economic stimulus payment this year. The total estimated value of payments made to Alabama filers should be \$1.7 billion. Already, my congressional offices are getting calls from persons seeking to know if they will qualify for a payment and how to go about collecting it.

According to the IRS, most eligible persons only need to file a 2007 federal income tax return (even if they owe no taxes) to receive a stimulus payment. 2007 federal income tax returns are due by April 15. The IRS will use your 2007 federal income tax return to determine your eligibility and calculate the amount of payment. You must also have a valid Social Security number in order to receive a stimulus payment.

Assuming you are eligible for a stimulus payment, the IRS will issue your payment by direct deposit to your bank account if you select that option on your 2007 federal tax return. In most cases, the stimulus payment will be linked to the amount of tax liability on your federal tax return with a maximum payment of \$600 for individual filers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) less than \$75,000 a year (\$120 for married couples filing jointly with an AGI less than \$150,000) and a minimum payment of \$300 for qualified low income individuals (\$600 for joint filers). Eligible tax filers will also receive \$300 for each qualifying child. Each child must have a valid Social Security number.

The IRS says even those who owe little or no taxes in 2007 may qualify for the minimum payment of \$300 (\$600 for joint filers) if

they show \$3,000 or more in qualifying income on their 2007 federal tax return. "Qualifying income" means earned income such as wages and net self-employment income as well as Social Security or certain Railroad Retirement benefits and VA benefits. The IRS notes that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) does not count as qualifying income for the stimulus payment.

Many people who get Social Security or VA benefits do not normally file yearly tax returns, but they will have to file a 2007 return to get the stimulus payment. The Treasury Department, Social Security and VA will notify people about this. The IRS makes clear that persons who owe no federal taxes will not get a tax bill for filing a return in order to collect a stimulus payment.

For more information on eligibility for stimulus payments, and special filing requirements for some Social Security, Railroad Retirement and certain veteran benefit recipients, you can visit the IRS web site at www.irs.gov and click the link "rebate questions." The IRS web site will soon offer persons the ability to figure the amount of their payment and check on its status. Free tax help is available to senior citizens at 1-888-227-7669 and for low and moderate income workers (including veterans) at 1-800-906-9887.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The American Cancer Society has been an active member of Coffee County for many years, offering services and support to those battling cancer as well as lifesaving cancer information to the community. We continue our mission of eliminating cancer thanks to the help of generous volunteers and dedicated staff.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community event in every sense of the word. It is a chance for the community to come together to celebrate those who have faced cancer, remember those lost and encourage everyone to fight back. Being a part of Relay For Life means being a part of a national grassroots movement to end cancer. Being a Relay For Life volunteer means making life better for cancer survivors, patients, and their families.

But we are faced with a critical shortage of volunteer leaders. With the challenges of our day-to-day demands, time has become a premium and many people are finding it more difficult to participate in community service. It is because of the volunteers who preceded us, however, that certain types of cancer are now highly treatable or even curable. With more help, we will continue to win the war.

The American Cancer Society needs your help now. Plans are under way for the 16th annual fundraiser Relay For Life, held on the track at Enterprise-Ozark Community College on May 16, 2008, to support cutting-edge cancer research, help provide free transportation to hospitals, help prevent youth smoking, publish lifesaving literature, and develop a new generation of weapons to fight cancer.

Now is the time for individuals, families, organizations, schools, religious groups, corporations and small businesses to build a team and join our fight to reduce the burden of cancer across America. Relay For Life can be the site of a company picnic or family gathering while supporting a great cause.

To sign up to participate or learn how you can volunteer with Coffee County Relay For Life call Stephanie McIntosh in the evening at 897-3934 or Linda Anderson during the day at 347-3411 ext. 212.

Sincerely,
Stephanie McIntosh and Alex Helms

2008 Coffee County Relay For Life Co-Chairs

Hospice volunteer training program set for March 8th

First Choice Hospice Volunteer Training Program will be held March 8, 2008 from 8:30 - 1 p.m. at Covenant Community Church located at 2667 Hickman Avenue, Elba, Ala. 36323. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Hospice is a specialized field of healthcare, caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses and providing support to their families as well as their own communities. Volunteers are a vital part of hospice. Whether providing companionship to patients and families or assisting with office projects, volunteers can have a positive effect on those in need.

For more information or to register call 897-0650.

Frances D. Brunson
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The government is tottering. We must deal it the death blow at any cost. To delay action is the same as death.

It was now several hours since he had written and delivered the letter containing his plea for action. By seven o'clock on the evening of November 6, 1917 (October 24 on the Julian calendar), the author was pacing the floor of his tiny apartment like a caged tiger. Would the people reading his letter really understand the urgency of acting tonight?

As the minutes passed, and he heard nothing, the tension slowly built in his body. By ten o'clock, it became unbearable. He had to do something. Should he leave the apartment? If he did, would the police recognize him? If so, what would they do? Would they arrest him, or would they kill him?

Vladimir Lenin had to know what was happening in St. Petersburg. Even though he was a wanted man, he hoped the government and the police believed he was still in Finland.

where he had fled after the coup attempt that he led four months earlier failed. Only two weeks earlier, his Bolshevik comrades had smuggled him back into Russia to help them gain power.

They provided with a tiny, nondescript apartment that, on this evening, felt more like a prison cell. At a secret meeting shortly after his return, Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Leon Trotsky and the other Bolsheviks decided to stage a coup d'etat. They were determined to impose communist rule on Russia, even if the people didn't want communism. In November 1917, most Russians wanted only two things: they wanted food and they wanted World War I to stop.

For months, the Bolsheviks had been laying the groundwork for their coup. Every day, party members went out on the streets of St. Petersburg with a simple message. According to Nikolai Sukhanov, a Bolshevik revolutionary, they told people: "The rich have lots of everything, the poor have nothing." When the Bolsheviks assume power, "Everything will belong to the poor...." The fact they were lying didn't matter, because it worked.

Lenin put on the disguise he had used to slip back into St. Petersburg. On went the wig and glasses, but he was in too much of a rush to include the makeup, so he wrapped a scarf around his face, hoping that he looked like someone with a toothache. At midnight, he arrived at Bolshevik headquarters, where the guards refused to let him in. His pass had expired.

Lenin found a telephone and called Leon Trotsky, who was inside the headquarters. Trotsky came to the gate, confirmed Lenin's identity, and took him inside. There, Lenin found out his letter had already had the desired effect. Bolshevik fighters were preparing to leave for many of the city's key installations.

By two o'clock on the morning of November 7, the fighters had begun capturing key installations. During the night they seized the telegraph offices, the post offices, the railroad stations, the Central Bank, the power stations. They then surrounded the Winter Palace, where the President lived. They never even fired a shot. There were no soldiers left to guard the city.

Early the next morning Lenin announced the coup d'etat. The response was a giant yawn. Banks and businesses were open, public transportation continued, and all the city's factories were running. But Russia was now a communist country. Find out more about the communist takeover. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week: From Revolutionary to Dictator

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SARA FRANCES (HOLLEY) WAMBLE

Mrs. Sara Frances (Holley) Wamble, age 83, of Mobile, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at her home in Mobile.

Graveside services were held Feb. 18, 2008 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Elba. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba in charge of local arrangements.

Survivors include two daughters: Georgia White, Mobile, Ala.; Mary Hynd Mills, Panama City, Fla.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

CHARLES RICHARD KENNETT

Mr. Charles Richard Kennett, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at Enterprise Nursing Home in Enterprise, Ala.

He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Marines, he

received a Purple Heart 52 years after his service. Mr. Kennett was also a lifetime Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Elba. Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Travis Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice in honor of Mr. Kennett.

Mr. Kennett was preceded in death by his father, Charles Fredrick Kennett; mother, Leona Ellen (Peoples) Kennett; and only sister, Betty Lea Shelton.

Survivors include his wife, Ouida Gene Kennett; Elba daughter, Debra Brunson (Winston) Enterprises; son, Charles R. Kennett Jr. (Ann), Andalusia, Ala.; two granddaughters: Sherri Kennett Smith (Lannie), Orange Beach, Ala.; Lynn Brunson Otto (Butch), Enterprise; six grand-

sons: David Brunson (Angie), Memphis, Tenn.; Shawn Kennett, Fairhope, Ala.; David Norris (Donna), Opp, Ala.; Michael Brunson (Marie), Birmingham, Ala.; Justin Kennett and Clay Kennett, both of Forsyth, Ga.; eight great-grandsons: Kyle Norris and Landon Norris, both of Smarr, Ga.; Dylan Kennett, Piquette, Miss.; Austin Smith, Orange Beach, Hunter Norris, Opp, Jacob Otto, Enterprise, Drew Brunson, Birmingham, Sam Brunson, Memphis; two great-granddaughters: Madison Norris, Smarr, and Haley Otto, Enterprise.

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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

During World War I, Rene Gagnon, a Frenchman, captured a photograph of the American flag on the top of a hill on an island they had just captured. Navy photographer Joe Rosenthal snapped a photograph that became the most famous of all World War I photographs. On what island did the Marines raise the American flag? Do you want to find the answer, or read John Bradley's account of that day's events?
Go to <http://tinyurl.com/djts1>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS
Australia's Great Barrier Reef, which extends for more than 1,500 miles off the country's north-east coast, is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. It is also home to more than 1,500 species of fish, 200 birds, and over 600 islands. The first European to discover it was Captain James Cook, when his ship the Endeavour ran aground on it in 1770. Today, it is a protected World Heritage Site. Unfortunately, continued global warming may damage its coral.
Find out more about this world treasure at <http://tinyurl.com/cf5rm>

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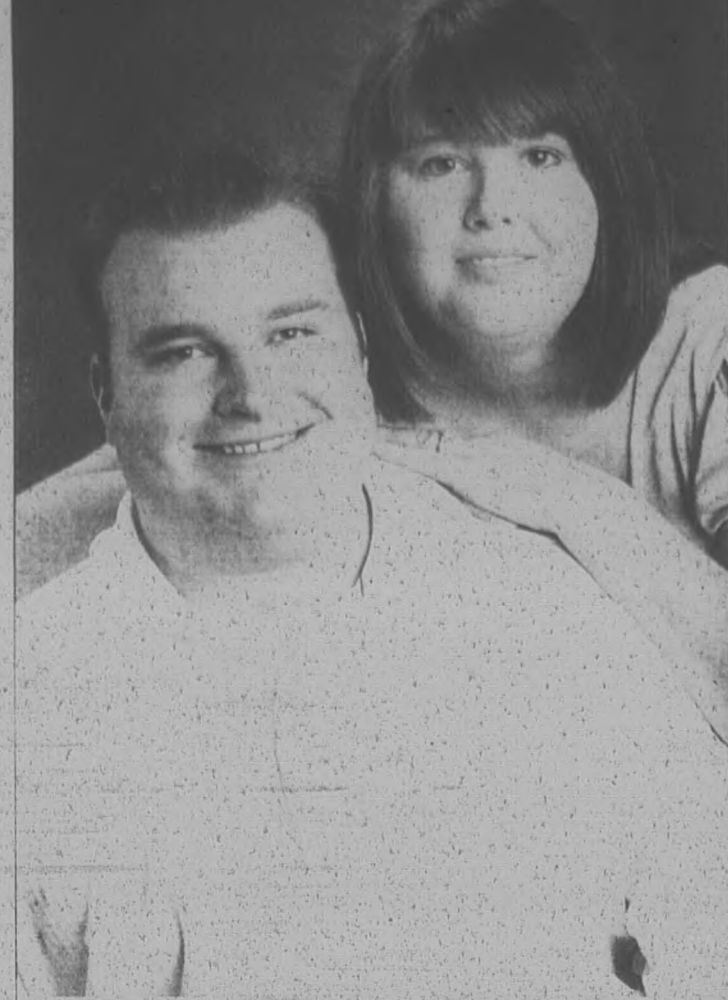
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Mr. Lindsey & Miss Dodd

Dodd-Lindsey wedding planned for Saturday, March 15th

Jimmie and Elaine Dodd of Elba, Alabama announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Gail Dodd, to Pasco Alton Lindsey, son of Gareth and Marie Lindsey of Elba, Alabama.

Melinda is a 2005 graduate of Elba High School. She attended Southern Union College in Opelika, Alabama and plans to further her education this fall in nursing at Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama. Pasco is a 2004 graduate of

Eria Lindsey Belcher celebrated her 83rd birthday on Saturday, February 2nd at her home, 2584 Old Curtis Road, Elba, Ala. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends were there to help her celebrate "her day." Her daughters, Evelyn Manning, Juanita Brooks and Ernestine Kelley and their children hosted the celebration.

When asked for her statement she said, "I'm still here, by the grace of God, I'm still here."

Relatives and friends were from Fort Deposit, Montgomery, Opelika, North Carolina, Tusculum, Enterprise and Elba.



Lucy Kate Barnett

Lucy Kate Barnett is one year old

Miss Lucy Kate Barnett celebrated her first birthday on February 17th in High Point, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Brian and Shea (Ward) Barnett and the granddaughter of Robert and Sharon Ward of Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barnett of Shippensburg, PA. She is also the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Betty Hamm of Huntsville, Ala.



A host of grandchildren gathered to help Mrs. Belcher celebrate birthday.

Sarah Sexton Gray to be honored with birthday reception

Thomas Sexton and Nickie Jinnight and their families cordially invite everyone to a reception honoring their mother, Sarah Sexton Gray, for her 70th birthday on Sunday, February 24, 2008 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Woodland Grove Baptist Church. (Your visit and sharing of memories will be a most appreciated gift.)

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These programs are free for members and children three and under. For non-members, adult admission is \$4 and admission for children, ages 4-15, is \$3. Registration is required. The week starts on Monday, March 17, with a program by Page Whitley on the northern goshawk. He will bring his bird and share information about how these animals hunt, as well as the history and benefits of falcons.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor
Elba United Methodist Church

Foundations.....

My daughter and her husband are finally building their new house. I have been a part of this process by offering my fatherly advice and wisdom, for whatever they are worth. I have let her mother do the bulk of the advising, however. My opinion doesn't really matter anyway when it comes down to women folks making choices.

As I have visited the house site each trip up there, I have seen the foundation of concrete, and the framing, etc. It reminds me of the parable Jesus told. Jesus was talking about the foundation on which to build our lives when he told the story of the man who built his house upon the sand and the man who built his house upon the rock. A storm came and blew away the house built upon the sand but the house built upon the rock survived the storm.

There are so many foundations upon which to build our lives. These foundations will fall when the storm comes. If we build our lives upon Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we will have a foundation that will last. We will be like the man who built his house upon the rock. One thing I have learned in my life is that with Jesus as my foundation there is nothing that we cannot handle together in life. The storms of life will come to each of us. What foundation is your life built upon? Will it last through the storm? Why not build your life upon Jesus? (read Matthew 7:24-28)

Ladies Power Lunch set for February 26 at First Baptist Church in Enterprise

Invitations have been extended to area women to attend the Ladies Power Lunch at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Enterprise, Ala. at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008.

Participants will hear Liz Sipper share how God miraculously healed her of an incurable disease and then gave her the added blessing of a child.

There is a charge for the lunch and those interested may RSVP by calling Michele at 393-5683 no later than Feb. 22.

Basin Baptist Church, located on Highway 189 South, Basin Community, will have an Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Sale on Saturday, March 22nd. The cake sale will begin at 10 a.m. and the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 3 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt will be for one year old through nine years old.

The Bradys to sing at Haw Hill Assembly of God

The Bradys will be in concert at Haw Hill Assembly on Sunday, February 24, 2008 beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The public is invited and the Elba High School Class of 1970 is asked to come as special guests.

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SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 1:3

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: Cathan Knight, Larry Tillis, Tim Tillis, Rev. J.L. Grayer, Charlene Daniels, Oscar Hogan, Rubie D. Wainwright.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS: Slaya Kelley- February 18, Alfred Purvis- February 19, Ron Christopher Hooks- February 20 (In Memory Of), Monica Henderson- February 21, Quanton Smith- February 23, Nathaniel Lee- February 26.

A BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM will be held at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. on February 24 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The theme will be "Black Facts and Black History Everyday." The speaker will be 2 Timothy 1:3. Guest speaker for the program will be minister Robert Edwards and the sermon will be given by

Rev. A.R. Williams.

THE 3RD ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 2008 will be held at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Laverne, Ala. March 6-8, 2008. The scripture will be Ephesians 6:12-13. Special guests include Elder Tony Newson, New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C., Elba and Elder Lionel Grant, Cornerstone Full Gospel Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Other special guests include The Dynamic Duo, Elder Marvin and Evangelist Aleika (Nikki) Luckett, workshop clinicians- MMA Fellowship Choir and others.

For more information contact: Elect Lady Kalonya Kyles 897-1153, Sis. Katrina Washington - 334-4714, or Sis. Devona Owens - 335-2900.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

C.C. Baptist Association's Singles Ministry to host Conference in Enterprise on March 1st

The Coffee County Baptist Association's Singles Ministry will host an Adult Singles Conference at Open Door Baptist Church, located at 1509 Rucker Blvd., Enterprise, Ala. on March 1, 2008. The conference will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the guest speaker will be David Edwards, a

renowned leader of Singles Conferences.

All singles of all ages are welcome to attend and church attendance is not necessary to participate. Child care will not be provided.

For more information email Carol Boylston at cccsm@ccsbaptist.org



The Singing Echoes

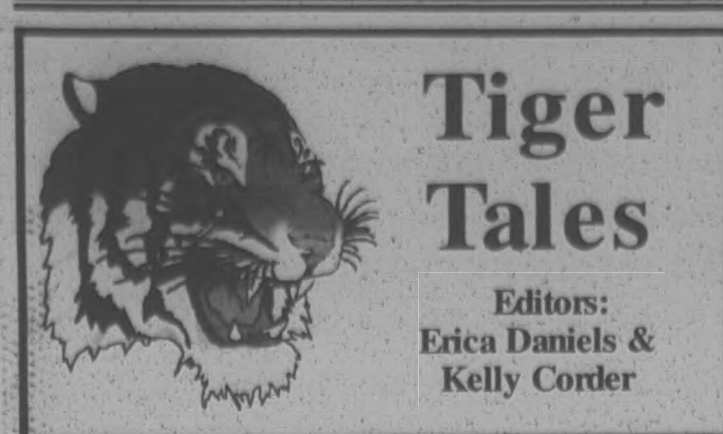
The Singing Echoes and The Dyess Family to be in concert at Country Cathedral in Opp, AL on Friday, February 29 at 7 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy. 84 about 5 miles East of Opp. Everybody is Welcome. No admission charge. For More Information, Call 334-493-7413.

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Rev. Robert Waters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Dale Morgan-Mistler Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training.....5:00 p.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Danny Byrum, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Cope, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Ray Dye, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Sunday Night.....5:00 p.m. Disciple Train.....5:30 p.m. Even. Worship.....9:00 a.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHRISTUNIT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martin Bacter Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays.....10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays.....10:00 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST - E. J. Hill, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sundays.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Mark Gray, Pastor Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Fellowship.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Wed. Night Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities.....6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Waters Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Andy Mader, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:15 p.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Phillip Nelson Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>LA ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Danny Bradshaw Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:00 p.m. Wed. 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Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD CHURCH Pastor Derrick Simons Saturday Service.....9:45 a.m. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....5:00 p.m. Thurs. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH Helen & Linda Williams, Pastors Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST-ENTREPRENEUR W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship.....9:00 a.m. Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening.....7:00 p.m. Friday Evening.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Wayne Webber Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Duane Delmon, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Elder Cornelius Newman-Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Bib Stud Tues Thru.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AMB Rev. J. L. Plessen, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SHIBAH BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Joe Parth, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Lamar Dean Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>YANKEE HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Sis. Ruby Nell & Doug Lawson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Worship.....7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. James Newell, Interim Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Randall Pearson Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WINN MILE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Armond Hester, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor John Tolson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>WORKING CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Chris Barnes, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZOAR COMMUNITY CHURCH John Barnes, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:00 p.m.</p>
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Elba students who participated in the SEUS Honor Band are (left to right) Tempest Parker, Ashton Rodriguez and Robyn Hudson.

Three Elba band members participate in SEUS Honor Band program in Troy

by Brittany Davis

On Thursday, Jan. 31, Ashton Rodriguez, Tempest Parker and Robyn Hudson traveled to Troy, Ala. to participate in the SEUS Honor Band at Troy University. That afternoon they attended their auditions and were placed in order, from best to moderate, with other musicians. Ashton Rodriguez and Tempest Parker were placed in the Gold band.

Robyn Hudson was placed in the silver band. Beginning Friday, Feb. 1, these three musicians attended rehearsals all-day. Saturday, Feb. 2, they had a rehearsal. At 5 p.m. that afternoon, they performed a series of pieces for their parents and friends. Ashton, Tempest, and Robyn enjoyed the experience. They said it was an opportunity never to be forgotten.

Elba High School seniors visit campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College

by Karen Huckabara and Erica Daniels

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, the seniors at Elba High School visited Enterprise-Ozark Community College (EOCC).

The seniors enjoyed a tour around the campus, speakers and refreshments. They also enjoyed a presentation by the EOCC entertainers. The entertainers sang and danced to oldies like "HOT, HOT, HOT" by Buster Poindexter.

The seniors had a lot of fun, and learned some valuable information. Students had a number of opinions on the EOCC visit.

Kiswana Cole said, "It was fun." Justin Hammonds commented, "I enjoyed the EOCC entertainers."

The information students gained will help them as they look toward their final college and career choices.

Journalism Spotlight

by Erica Daniels



This week's journalism spotlight focuses on **Tiffany Ann-Marie Bonner**. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Rev. Danny and Leigh Ann Bynum.

Tiffany's favorite thing about journalism is taking pictures, leaving school, the people in here and writing articles for the newspaper. Her hobbies include talking on the phone, text messaging, hanging with friends, going to church at Basin Baptist Church, and hanging out at Felicity's Christian Book and Gift store (youth leader's store).

Tiffany describes herself as dependable and fun once she gets to know the people she hangs around. In the future she plans to attend Faulkner University and major in child psychology.

Announcements:

• Thursday, Feb. 21 - (Baseball) Elba vs. Samson at 5 p.m. (Away)

• A basketball game benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be held Friday, Feb. 22, at 1:30 p.m., in the high school gym. Admission will be a \$1 donation.

• Friday, Feb. 22 - (Baseball) Elba vs. Highland Home at 4 p.m. (Away)

• Monday, Feb. 25 - (Baseball) Elba vs. New Brockton at 5 p.m. (Away)

• Thursday, Feb. 28 - (Baseball double-header) Elba vs. Kinston at 4 p.m. (Away)

• Grad Ads are on sale! Prices are as follows: \$50 for 1/8 page black and white, \$55 color; \$90 for 1/4 page black and white, \$100 color; \$110 for 1/2 page black and white, \$125 color; \$160 for full page black and white, \$180 color. Ads will remain on sale through Friday, Feb. 29. This will be the final deadline for Grad Ads.

• Yearbooks are available for pick up and extras are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information (897-2266).

• Elba hoodies and t-shirts are available. Long sleeve t-shirts are \$12 and \$13, and hoodies are \$20, \$21 and \$22. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information (897-2266).

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Elba's seniors visited the campus of EOCC on Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

Seniors visit Wallace Community College

by Megan Sullivan

On Friday, January 25, the senior girls visited Wallace Community College for career day.

While at Wallace they divided into groups and learned different facts about careers such as road construction, nursing and aviation.

The following Friday the senior guys also visited Wallace where they learned about different careers. They came home with a free Wallace t-shirt and knowledge about the different careers available.

The information they gained will help them as they look toward their final college and career choices.

Elementary school participates in "Jump Rope for Heart" event

by Megan Sullivan

The elementary school recently participated in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

(Cardiovascular disease and stroke are the nation's number one and number three killers. This fundraiser began Feb. 4 and ended Feb. 15. On Friday, Feb. 15, donations were turned in.

The elementary school will hold a Jump Rope for Heart event. Students raising \$50 will participate in the event during P.E.

They had a Subway party and played music to celebrate the end of the fundraiser on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Jump Rope for Heart is a fun event that helps the children to understand the importance of community service and physical activity while helping to save lives.

Motivational speaker addresses juniors and seniors

by Yokesha Terry

On Friday, Feb. 8, motivational speaker Yvonne Williams from Monster Making it Count program spoke to the seniors and juniors.

Williams currently resides in Hamilton, Ga. She attended Rosa Parks Performing Arts School and Eastside High School as seen in the movie "LEAN ON ME." She worked for a circulation firm for The New York Times for 11 years as a training and recruiting senior manager where she managed and trained thousands of people during her career.

Williams founded "Emerged Greatness" in 1999, an organization that travels across the country conducting seminars and workshops for all ages of youth and young adults to help ignite vision and impact lives through powerful words of motivation and inspiration, stir potential and promote positive decision making tips.

Yvonne uses her life experience of hardship, pitfalls, and having to overcome adversity as a platform to encourage individuals to be all that they can be despite their current situations or present dilemmas. Her past and future success has inspired millions of people.

Williams is the author of four books, three of her books are currently in Barnes & Noble, and she also hosted a TV talk show for community access television in Paterson, New Jersey for the Division of Recreation highlighting community youth.

She has interviewed famous sports celebrities such as Allen Iverson, Tracy "T-Mac" McGrady, Jermaine O'Neal, Vince Carter, Tim Thomas, and many more.

Williams has been featured in magazines, newspapers, featured news stories and talk shows across the country sharing her passion and her purpose to reach youth and young adults, introducing and leading them to better choices. She was recently named most valuable speaker for monster.com as the #1 speaker where she currently travels as an independent, professional speaker presenting educational information all over the country to millions of people. Her motto is "It's not about your start; it's all about your finish, so finish BIG!"

Her influences and personal stories were able to capture the seniors and juniors and make the students think about issues and choices to make. She told her personal story about how her graduating class being a bad

statistic and how people downed her.

Williams is able to stand up now and tell students how she overcame and surpassed various issues. She explained to the senior class that statistics say only 37% of a graduating class will go to college and graduate. Her motivation is to prove statistics wrong by motivating students and leading down the right path.

To both the senior and junior class she gave seven winning characteristics. The characteristics are communication skills, organization skills, leadership skills, team skills, logic, effort, and being a risk taker. Both seniors and juniors had a great time at the program.

Senior Justin Hammonds exclaimed: "The program was excellent and it helped him learn new things about himself as well as motivate him more."

Junior Kim Blue said, "The program was very motivational."



by Kiswana Cole



This week's Student Spotlight is **Thomas Hooks**, who is also known as Cordel.

Cordel is the 18-year-old son of Tom and Linda Hooks. His hobbies and interests include playing football, basketball, and baseball. He also likes to listen to and make music.

Cordel's future plans include attending Troy University to major in pre-pharmacy. He describes himself as being a great student and leader in many ways.

He's also an all-around good person and a good people person.

What are your hobbies? Shopping and reading.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Southside Baptist Church.

What is your biggest achievement? My family.

Do you have any children? No.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? ROLL TIDE!!

When is your birthday? March 13, 1978.

How long have you been teaching? This is my 8th year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? It's a great place to teach.

What are your favorite things about teaching? Watching children learn and succeed.

What are your hobbies? Spending time with family, going to the beach.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? I am a volleyball coach at ZC.

Do you have any children? Yes, one, who is 2 years old.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? War Eagle!!!

When is your birthday? November 26, 1961.

How long have you been teaching? This is my 23rd year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? It is home! I think it is the best place to be ever! My family members are all REBELS!

What is your favorite thing about teaching? Seeing the change and growth in the students during the year.

What are your hobbies? Reading, drawing, and spending time with my children.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? AEA, Delta Kappa, Gamma, Altrusa.

What is your biggest achievement? Getting my boys to graduation!

What is your most embarrassing moment? I get nervous any time that I have to speak to a crowd of adults, but I can talk to kids all day long.

Do you have any children? If so, how many? Yes - I have three, Joshua, Austin, and Ciara.

What college(s) did you attend? ESJC (now EOCC), Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? Alabama. ROLL TIDE! ROLL!

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? I have been shot at in Alaska! During a baseball tournament two years ago, there was a shooting next to the field and the shots hit the outfield fence!

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Focus on Faculty

(First Grade Teachers)



by Cera Adkins and Carolyn Becker

Wow! That was scary!

When is your birthday? September 23, 1982.

How long have you been teaching? This is my 3rd year.

What do you think about Zion Chapel? It's a unique place.

What are your favorite things about teaching? Seeing the children "get" a concept.

What are your hobbies? Running, listening to music, spending time with friends and family - watching reality TV.

What clubs/organizations are you involved in? Alum for Alpha Gamma Delta at TSU, AEA.

What is your biggest achievement? Moving to Nashville and coping with the death of my father.

What is your most embarrassing moment? Which one-I am outspoken-but makes for many foot-in-mouth situations.

Do you have any children? No. I have a cat and a husband.

What college(s) did you attend? Troy University.

Auburn or Alabama? TN/Rocky Top - don't tell my husband - he might divorce me - our house has to claim AL.

Anything else interesting or unique that you'd like to share? Not too much interesting - what you see is what you get - my motto is - say what you mean, mean what you say and do what you say you will do. Dependability is HUGE!!!

Academic Brigade returns to Zion Chapel

by Tiffany Bryan & Rod Rider

Last year, Zion Chapel started a program where students in grades 7th-12th were tutors to students from grades 5th-8th for one hour a week in various subjects.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, Mr. Hartwell and Ms. Knighten met with the top sophomores, juniors and seniors and asked for their help with the new and improved Academic Brigade.

Last year's Brigade helped tutored students make a great improvement in their grades, and everyone is hoping for great results again this year.

The Academic Brigade has been a very beneficial program and will continue to be used in the years to come.

The title of the seminar is **Forensic Nursing**. All health care workers will benefit from this seminar. Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Registered Dietitians, and Nurses will receive 7.0 contact hours of continuing education credit. Nursing Home Administrators and Social Workers will receive 6.0 contact hours of continuing education credit.

The registration fee is \$70 for pre-registered participants and \$75 for those who register at the door. Classes will be held in the

Multi-purpose room located in the Lurleen Wallace Student Center. For more information or to register, call (334) 47-2623, ext. 2236.

Forensic Nursing Seminar offered at Enterprise-Ozark Community College

The Enterprise campus of Enterprise-Ozark Community College in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services will be hosting a Nursing Seminar on Thursday, March 13, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



Senior Beta Club holds induction ceremony for new members

by Kristen Patterson and Stephanie Berry

The Zion Chapel High School Chapter of the National Senior Beta Club held its 2008 induction ceremony Monday, Feb. 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The induction ceremony started off with a welcome speech given by Mrs. Kim Brasted, the Beta Club sponsor. The Candlelight Ceremony began with the lighting of the white candle, which was lit by Stephanie Collier, president.

The second candle, the red one, was lit by Torie Hodge, vice president. The third candle, which was blue, was lit by Luke Peters, secretary. The fourth candle, which was black, was lit by Hurrey White, treasurer. The final candle, which was yellow, was lit by Becca Hodge, reporter.

The new inductees then stood to accept their challenge of becoming a Beta Club member. After that, all members, old and new, recited the Beta Club pledge.

The recognition and naming of new members followed. Mrs. Brasted congratulated the new members, and ZC Principal Bob Hartwell also gave his congratulations.

The skills event finalists will not be announced until Feb. 27th.

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• Feb. 28: PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

• March 3: Dr. Suess Day

• March 5: High School SGA Meeting, 7th period

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Notice:

The deadline to enter the Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Zion Chapel pageants is this Friday, Feb. 22. Refer to the pageant registration packet for details. The pageants will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Zion Chapel Auditorium. For more information or to get a registration packet, call 897-2287.

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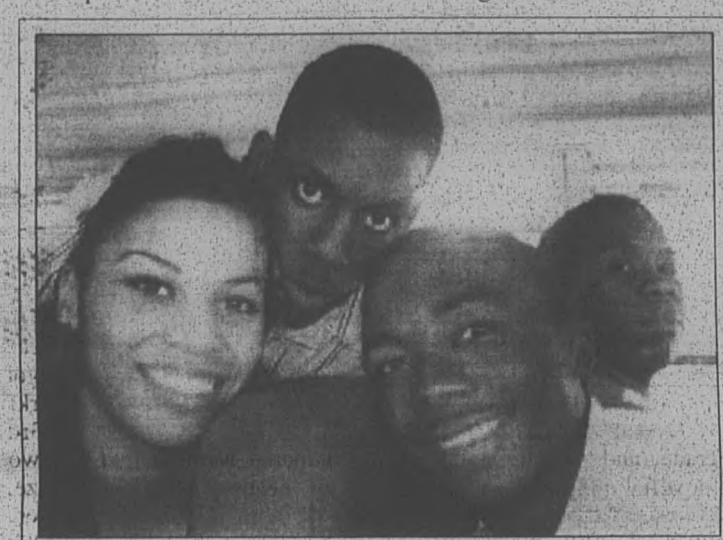
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Students visit ASF in Montgomery

by Megan Sullivan

"Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" is just one of many Shakespearean quotes Mrs. Lovelace's advanced junior class and a few underclassmen heard Friday, Feb. 8.

These students got the opportunity to travel to Montgomery to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival (ASF) to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet.

When asked how she liked the play, Kiera Robertson replied, "I liked how the actors and actresses made everything

seem so real. They did a good job of keeping the energy going in the audience."

Some of the students had never been to the Shakespeare festival, thus, the experience was a lot of fun.

"I liked it! My favorite character was Mercutio, Romeo's friend who died. He was hilarious," said Shelby Adcock.

The trip was relaxing because the students were out of school; however, the juniors were excited to see the play because in the ninth grade they read Romeo and Juliet.

Elba Ski Club enjoys annual trip

by Kelly Corder

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Elba Ski Club took its annual Ski Trip to Ski Beech, N.C.

Around 100 people from Elba, as well as, groups from Ino Baptist Church went on the trip. The trip was between Feb. 6-10.

When the students were not hitting the slopes, they walked up and down the mountain to other students' houses.

SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Valentine's Day was last Thursday and for the first time in years I didn't get my wife and daughters a stuffed animal and balloons. I bought them a monogrammed hugger to keep their drinks cold, filled with candy and wrapped in colorful plastic, and thought the hugger and candy would make them happy and also help a good cause since the funds were going to a local Relay for Life organization. I'll admit they may have been a little disappointed that they didn't get the animal and balloons, but I did remember them on the special day and always will.

For what it is worth....

*** The high school basketball season moves into region play this week and the only local team still alive is the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. The Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 30-1 last week in winning the area title and a sub-region game, and now will move on to Troy University in hopes of winning yet another title and earning a spot in the state tournament in Birmingham. Two of the best teams in the state are also in the four-team field at Troy (McIntosh and J.F. Shields), which means the girls from Brantley will have to play their best to even have a chance. The odds aren't on their side, but this group of girls has done nothing but win all season long against teams from all classifications and will no doubt give it their all in their attempt to win a state title.

*** The sub-region round wasn't as sweet for area boys' teams as Brantley, Kinston and New Brockton all saw their seasons come to an end. Providence Christian knocked off Brantley, Kinston came up short against Florala and New Brockton ran into a buzz saw against Houston County as all three teams made an exit from post-season play. Brantley was a little down this year, but played well all season long under new coach Jonny Mitchell and will be back for more wins next season, while Kinston made quite a run under new coach Scott Sanson and brought fun back for the Bulldogs and their fans and New Brockton made huge strides under Coach Robby Kinsaul and made it clear the Gamecocks will be a team to watch for years to come.

*** The high school baseball and softball seasons get started this week and for the Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers both teams will jump in head first and get in a lot of early-season action. The Tigers appear to be a little short-handed at both pitcher and catcher, two very important spots, but should be solid at most other positions and could be a team to keep an eye on in the 3A ranks. The Lady Tigers will have a team filled with youngsters and a few returning players, and aren't really expected to be a dominant team early on in the season. The Elba will have one of the top young pitchers around to lead the way and if the Lady Tigers will play well on defense and swing the bats well they may just surprise some folks as the season rolls along.

*** Looking around the area, fans from all the area schools appear to be in for a lot of fun in both baseball and softball. Kinston had a very young team last season in baseball that made the playoffs and is back to have more fun, while Brantley made it to the third round of the playoffs last season and is still loaded and Zion Chapel and New Brockton should both be solid at all positions and challenge for post-season play. Over in softball, Kinston will return all but one starter from last season's state championship team and has to be the team to beat, while Brantley's youngsters will be a year older and have the skills to be big winners and both Zion Chapel and New Brockton will have new coaches and should have more than enough talent to have winning seasons. Yep, if the area teams play well and get a few breaks along the way they could all make lots of noise this season.

*** In closing... You never want to call anyone a liar, but somebody is lying about whether or not Roger Clemens took performance-enhancing drugs during his career. The whole story has turned into little more than a witch hunt for some Washington politicians that want to act like they are trying to protect the integrity of the sport of baseball. Integrity and politicians aren't words usually paired together. Oh yea, even if Clemens did take steroids of HGH, Major League Baseball had no drug testing policy in place at the time of the alleged incidents, which should make the only guilty party Major League Baseball, itself. In the end I believe the whole thing is nothing more than politicians wanting their day in the spotlight and finding other things to do to take away their own problems dealing with the economy and the war, maybe when the next election rolls around someone will throw some of these guys a curve ball and get them out of the line-up.

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Brantley Lady Bulldogs punch ticket to region

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 30-1 and punched their ticket to this week's South Region Tournament Thursday night with a big 56-34 win over the Arton Lady Cats, in Brantley.

Brantley jumped out to an early 5-0 lead behind the inside scoring of Taronada Randall and the outside shooting of Eisha Person, and moved ahead 11-2 with 2:25 remaining in the opening stanza after two quick baskets by Person. Arton began to cut into the Lady Bulldogs' lead late in the quarter and pulled within 14-10 with 5:41 left in the half on a pair of free throws by Tina Scott. Person and Randall combined to score the game's next seven points as Brantley stretched its lead to 21-10 with 3:45 left on the clock, and at intermission the Lady Bulldogs went in with a 24-14 advantage.

Brantley's Helen Walker sparked a 6-0 run early in the third quarter as the Lady Bulldogs increased their lead to

32-16, and the Lady 'Dogs closed the stanza on a 15-2 run to take complete command as their lead ballooned to 49-24 heading into the final stanza. Brantley took its biggest lead of the night at 56-26 with 2:24 remaining on the clock on a lay-up by Walker and easily held on to post the 56-34 sub-region win.

Eisha Person scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Taronada Randall added 10 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Helen Walker added 14 points and DeAnza Sheridan added 12. Breanna Daniels scored 16 points and Kayla Liprot added 10 to lead Arton.

B 11 13 25 7 - 56
A 7 7 10 11 - 34

Brantley (56): Sheridan 12, Person 18, Allen 2, Walker 14, Randall 10.

Arton (34): McClendon 4, Daniels 16, Liprot 10, Scott 2, Thomas 2.

Brantley Bulldogs end season with 74-63 loss to Providence

The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind early and never recovered Friday night in a 74-63 loss to the Providence Christian Eagles, in sub-region play at Dothan.

The loss left the Bulldogs with a final record of 18-13, while the Eagles improved to 14-8 with the win.

Providence took control of the game early on and never looked back as it carried a 35-26 advantage in at the half. The Eagles' lead grew to 48-28 midway through the third quarter and it looked like the Bulldogs headed

for a big loss. However, Brantley refused to quit and managed to hang within striking distance using a sticky press on defense and by getting hot from behind the three-point line. Providence answered every Bulldog rally with a run of its own, and held on to claim the sub-region crown with the 74-63 win.

Dexter Daniels scored 16 points and Roy-L. Knight added 13 to lead Brantley, while Johnny Dowd scored 34 points to lead Providence.

Youth baseball & softball registration to end Feb. 22

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will conduct registration for youth baseball and softball from Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 22. Registration fees are \$25 per child with a \$50 maximum fee for families with more than two registrants, and registration forms will be passed out at the Elba Elementary School, Elba High School and all area daycares.

Leagues in baseball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Baseball (ages 6-8), Dixie Minor Baseball (ages 9-10), Dixie Youth Baseball (ages 11-12), Dixie Boys Baseball (ages 13-14), Dixie Pre-Majors Baseball (ages 15-16) and Dixie Majors Baseball (ages 17-19).

Leagues in softball include T-Ball (ages 3-5), Coach-Pitch Softball (ages 6-8), Dixie Angels Softball (ages 9-10), Dixie Ponytails Softball (ages 11-12), Dixie Belles Softball (ages 13-15) and Dixie Debs

Softball (ages 16-19). A copy of each child's birth certificate should accompany the registration form when turned in unless one is already on file. Correct jersey size is also requested on the registration form.

All T-Ball and Coach-Pitch games will be held in Elba at Hawkins-Williams Park, while baseball and softball games in other leagues will play in Elba and on the road and compete against New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Kinston, Brantley and Arton.

The Recreation Department is now seeking coaches for all teams in all leagues. It is hoped that coaches will be in place prior to the end of the registration period to allow for a quick play selection process.

For more information or for a registration form contact the Recreation Department at 897-6833.

Alabama hunters urged to report deer harvests in state

Now that the 2007-08 deer season is closed, the Alabama Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is asking hunters to report their deer harvest. When Alabama's three-buck limit was implemented this past hunting season, all hunters were required to have a harvest record form in their possession. If they killed a buck, the details were to be recorded on the form. To gather that harvest information, ADCNR is asking hunters to transfer it to an online form at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/harvestdata. Conservation Commissioner M. Barnett Lawley encourages hunters to use the online harvesting system. "Collecting this information will give us more management tools to protect the quality of the deer herd in the

state," he said. Even if a hunter did not harvest a deer, the Department would still like that information, Lawley said. "If a hunter was not successful, we need that data, too. We would also like to know the number of does harvested and the number of days hunters were in the field. Any factual data that we can get will help us," he said.

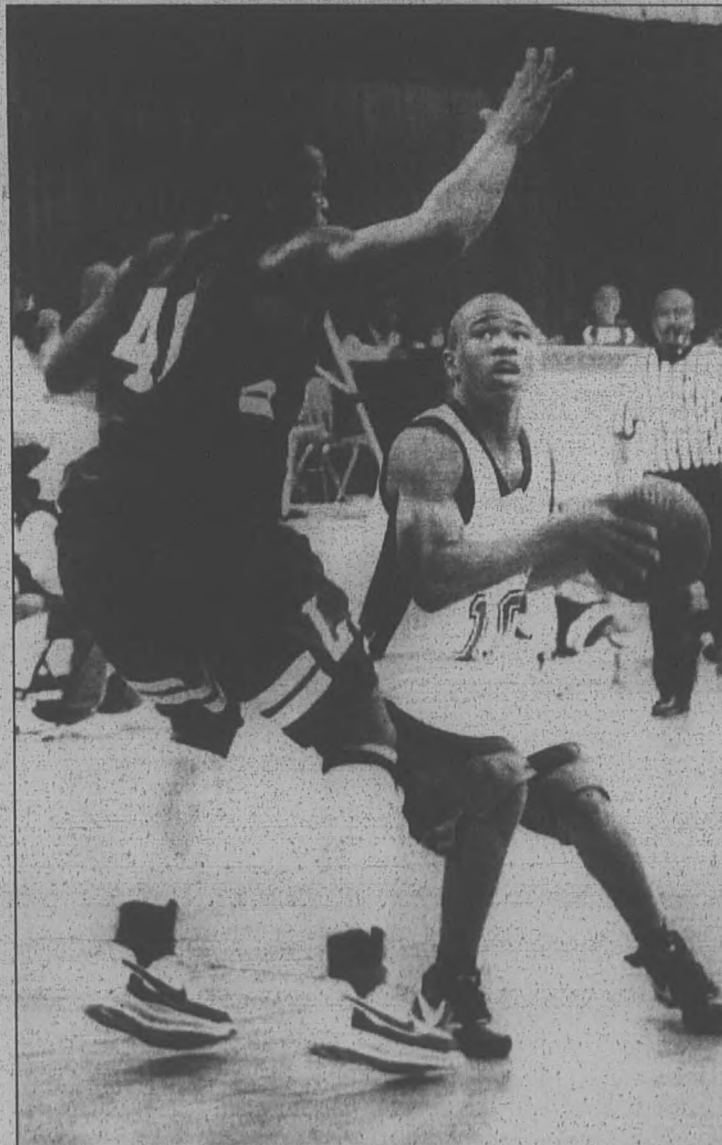
The online form asks for the following information: date of harvest, number of antler points, county where harvested, total number of does harvested and estimated number of days spent hunting in the 2007-08 season. The form is also set to accept turkey harvest information after turkey season closes in April. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com or <http://www.outdooralabama.com>.

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Brantley's Eisha Person (5) splits two Arton defenders as she heads to the basket in last week's 56-34 sub-region win. Person scored 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs into region play this week at Troy University.

(Photo by Mike Capps)



Brantley's Tevin Daniels (10) looks to drive after pulling down a rebound in recent high school basketball action. The Bulldogs saw their season end last week with a sub-region loss to Providence Christian.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Area finals.... on the Tournament Trail

New Brockton falls to Barbour County 86-55

The New Brockton Gamecocks ran into highly ranked Barbour County last Monday night in the Class 2A, Area 3 finals and were outscored 86-55. Shambay Johnson scored 13 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Devondrick Richardson led Barbour County with 17 points.

Brantley Bulldogs bounced by Florala 77-69

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their area title hopes dashed last Monday night with a 77-69 loss to the Florala Wildcats, in the finals of the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament. Dexter Daniels scored 19 points to lead Brantley, while Tory Upshaw added 12, Wesley Person 11 and Wesley Spivey 10. Michael Carson poured in 33 points to pace Florala.

SPORTS

In sub-region finals

Kinston Bulldogs fall late to Florala 70-59

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their season draw to a close Friday night in the sub-region finals as they lost to the Florala Wildcats 70-59, in Florala.

The loss left the Bulldogs with a final record of 9-14, while the Wildcats advanced to region play with a 17-8 slate.

Kinston grabbed a quick 2-0 lead on a driving lay-up by A.J. Johnson and led 4-2 with 4:59 remaining in the opening stanza after two free throws by Aaron Jacobs. However, Florala grabbed a 5-4 lead seconds later on a three-pointer by Calvin Mulkey and the Wildcats led the remainder of the stanza and carried a 16-13 lead into the second quarter.

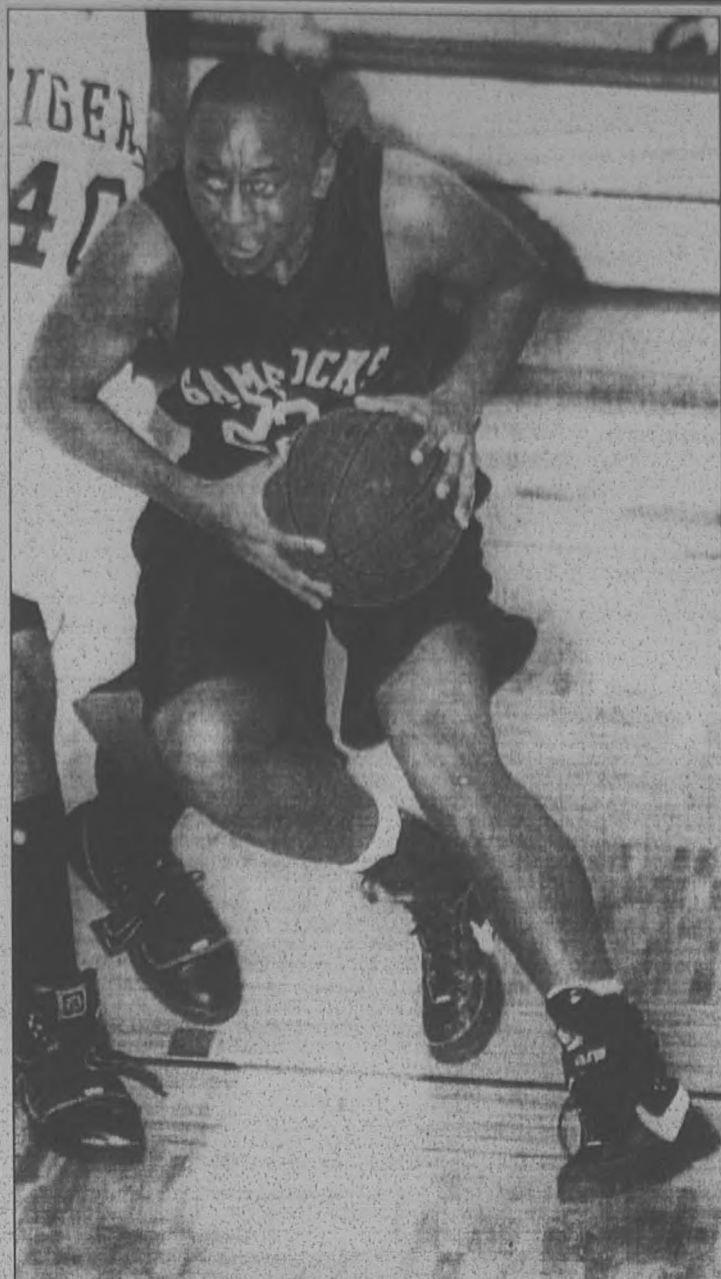
Kinston regained the lead early in the second quarter at 20-18 on a three-pointer by Hunter Anderson, and the Bulldogs moved back ahead 25-22 with 4:11 left in the half when A.J. Johnson nailed three free throws. Kinston's Eric Wise and A.J. Johnson sparked a 6-0 Bulldog run that put Kinston on top 31-22 with 2:19 left on the clock and the Bulldogs never let up as they went ion at the half with a surprising 31-25 advantage.

Kinston upped its lead to 33-25 early in the third quarter on a basket by Hunter Anderson, while a lay-up by Matt Whigham gave the Bulldogs a 37-30 lead with 4:59 remaining in the quarter. Florala began to battle back after the Whigham basket and went on a 9-0 run over the next two minutes to move ahead 39-37. The Bulldogs pulled even at 39-39 on a basket by John Moss and regained the lead at 43-41 on an inside basket by Matt Whigham with only :03 left on the clock. The Wildcats stole the lead back in the final seconds; however, as Florala connected on one of two free-throw opportunities with :01 left and then converted the missed shot at the buzzer to carry a 44-43 lead into the fourth quarter.

Kinston pulled even at 44-44 early in the final stanza on a free throw by A.J. Johnson, but Florala scored the game's next five points to go ahead 49-44 and appeared ready to take command. Kinston staged a mild rally and got within 52-48 with 4:50 left on a basket by Johnson, but never got any closer and watched as Florala connected on 10 of 16 free throws in the final three minutes as the Wildcats pulled away and claimed the sub-region title with the 70-59 win.

A.J. Johnson scored 18 points to lead Kinston, while Hunter Anderson added 12 and Matt Whigham scored 11. Calvin Mulkey scored 23 points to lead Florala.

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New Brockton's Devin Muhammed (22) drives past a defender in recent high school basketball action. The Gamecocks saw their season end last week with a loss to Providence Christian in the sub-region finals.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

New Brockton ends season with 87-48 loss to Houston County

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their season come to an abrupt end Friday night with an 87-48 loss to the Houston County Lions, in sub-region action at Columbia.

The loss left New Brockton with a final record of 16-13, while Houston County upped its record to 21-10 with the win.

The Gamecocks kept it close in the opening stanza and trailed only 17-12, but watched as the Lions began to heat up in the second quarter and at halftime found themselves on the wrong end of a 36-22 score. New Brockton's Courtney Foster drilled a long three-pointer early in the third



ELLIS SIGNS WITH TROY UNIVERSITY...Gavin Ellis, Cullman High School, has signed a national letter of intent with Troy University. The 6'6", 220#, WR was elected to the 5A All-State Team. About Ellis, Neal Brown, Troy's offensive coordinator said, "He gives us a goal line threat that we haven't had here. We're running a bunch of 6-foot and under guys out there and we signed a kid that's 6-6. I'm excited about that and it makes it a lot easier to call plays down in the red zone." Those in attendance for the signing included: (seated) Gavin Ellis Sr., father; Gavin Ellis; and Nancy Ellis, mother; (standing) Jay Page, CHS athletic director; Mark Britton, CHS head coach; and Lane Hill, CHS principal. Gavin is the grandson of Charles and Betty Joyce Ellis of Elba.

Photo by Brandon Shields of The Cullman Times

High School Baseball & Softball SCHEDULES

Thursday, February 21

* Baseball *
Elba at Samson (5:00)
Elba - JV, in Brantley Tournament

* Softball *
Elba at Headland (JV-V) 4:00
Zion Chapel at Pike Co. (JV-V) 4:00

Friday, February 22

* Baseball *
Elba at Highland Home (4:00)
Elba - JV, in Brantley Tournament

* Softball *

Elba, in Wicksburg Tournament
Kinston, in Northview Tournament

* Baseball *
Elba - JV, in Brantley Tournament

* Softball *
Elba, in Wicksburg Tournament
Kinston, in Northview Tournament
Zion Chapel JV, in Arton Tournament

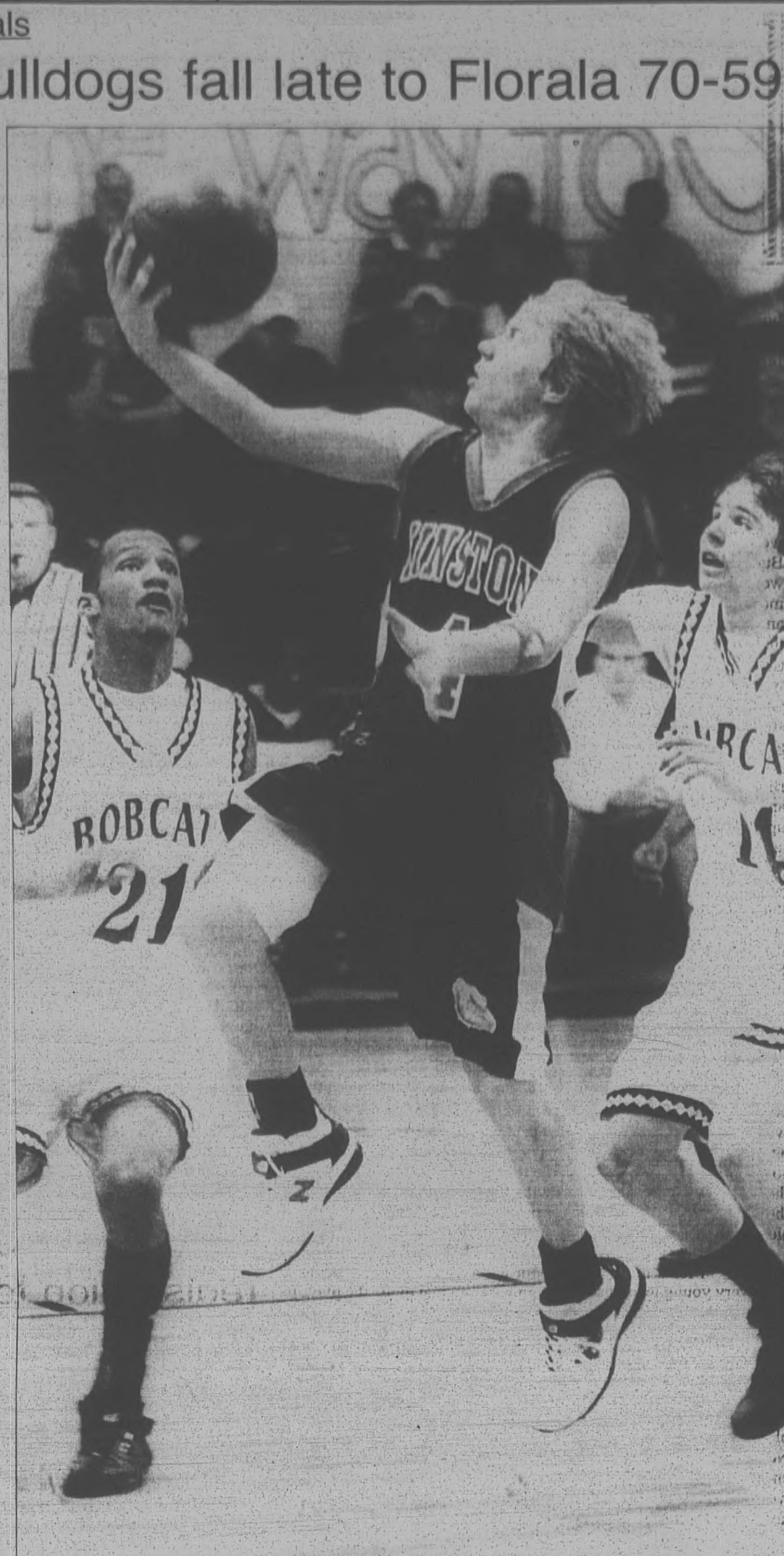
Monday, February 25

* Baseball *
Elba at New Brockton (5:00)

* Softball *
Kinston at Providence Ch. (V) 3:30

Tuesday, February 26

* Softball *
Kinston at Elba (JV) 4:00
Goshen at Zion Chapel (JV-V) 4:00



Kinston's Aaron Jacobs (4) drives hard to the basket in recent high school basketball action. The Bulldogs ended their season last week with a 70-59 loss to Florala in the sub-region finals.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Florala:
F 16 20 19 26 - 70
K 13 18 12 16 - 59

Florala (70): Mulkey 23, Hinson 3, Bass 11, Fleming 11, Gundrum 16, Moore 5.
Kinston (59): Jacobs 8, Whigham 11, Johnson 18, Donaldson 4, Anderson 12, Moss 2, Wise 4.

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Shuffling Through Our Files...

(News Taken From Past Editions of The Elba Clipper)

10 Years Ago

• **Fuller announces candidacy for district attorney** - On January 30, 1998, Mark Fuller declared his candidacy for the Republican Party's nomination for District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit. The 12th Judicial Circuit is comprised of Coffee and Pike Counties. Fuller has served as District Attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit since his appointment by Governor Fob James on Dec. 31, 1996.

• **Macy McIntosh celebrates first birthday** - Macy Anne McIntosh of the Woodland Grove Community celebrated her first birthday on January 24. She is the daughter of Scott and Stephanie McIntosh. Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Goodson of New Brockton and Bobby and Peggy McIntosh of Elba.

20 Years Ago

• **Commission takes no action on request to allow health dept. to impose fees for services** - The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Feb. 22, at the courthouse in Elba and tabled a request from Coffee County Health Dept. director Kenneth Ball that the commission sponsor legislation authorizing the health department to begin charging for certain services offered by the department. Ball informed the commission that 22 counties in the state currently charged for various services offered by county health department and passed around a proposed piece of legislation that he requested the commission approve and send on to the state for passage into law.

• **Inmate recaptured Tuesday after overpowering matron at county jail**

A minimum security inmate who escaped from the Coffee County Jail in Elba early Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, was recaptured at approximately 8:30 a.m. after track dogs from Troy led a search party to the home of the fugitive's father in Ozark.

• **Pancake breakfast March 5** - The Elba Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast at the Elba Elementary School on Saturday, March 5, from 6 until 10 a.m. Pancake Day co-chairmen Grady Farris and Rex Boutwell are busy rounding up the necessary ingredients to make this a "better than ever" fund raising effort for sight conservation, according to a spokesman for the group.

30 Years Ago

• **Court Suit Is Filed To Stop "Straw Vote" Courthouse Election** - The long-debated issue over the location of the Coffee County Courthouse took another turn Tuesday. A suit to stop the proposed "straw vote" election proposed by the Coffee County Commission was filed by Elba attorney G.A. Lindsey, on behalf of Mrs. Refina Crimes, "on behalf of herself and all resident citizens and taxpayers of Coffee County."

The election was scheduled for March 21st of this year with a run-off if needed on April 4th. The voters of the county were to mark one of five choices on the location of a courthouse and also indicate yes or no on support of additional tax to finance any approved new construction. The five choices were (1) Build a new courthouse in New Brockton, (2) Build a new courthouse in Elba, (3) Build a new courthouse in Enterprise, (4) Renovate both existing courthouses, and (5) Build two new courthouses.

• **City to buy Exchange Bank Building** - The Elba City Council took a giant step Tuesday night by voting unanimously to accept the recommendations of Mayor Robert Folsom and purchase the Elba Exchange Bank building. Bank officials were at the meeting and offered the building to the council for \$175,000 and said the bank would finance the purchase at 7% interest.

40 Years Ago

• **Coach Leon Akins To Coach State All-Stars** - Elba High School football coach

Leon Akins has been selected to coach the South team in the annual All-Star game to be played in Tuscaloosa during August. The selection was made by popular vote of all football coaches in the 2nd District. There are 39 schools that play football in that district.

• **Merrill Shirley Letters At Auburn** - Merrill Shirley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Shirley of Elba, was one of 57 Auburnites to receive football letters for 1967, according to an announcement by head coach Ralph Jordan. There were 16 sophomores in that group, including Shirley.

• **New Whitewater Pastor** - The Rev. Aubrey B. Hartley, Associational Missionary for the Oneuch Baptist Association for the past three and a quarter years, has become the pastor of the Whitewater Baptist Church, Victoria Road, Elba. Rev. Hartley and his wife, Rose Marie, have three girls, Faith 7, Joy 4, and Grace 3. The Hartleys moved into the Whitewater Baptist Church parsonage on Wednesday, February 14.

50 Years Ago

• **Tillman Seeks Re-Election as Coffee Sheriff** - Sheriff H.D. Tillman yesterday announced his candidacy for re-election to the office he has held for three terms. This is Sheriff Tillman's first public office. He was formerly a farmer in the northern part of the county although during the war he was four years with the Army Ordinance stationed at Dorsey Trailers when that industry won both the Army and Navy E.

• **Sailor From Elba Finishes 'Boot'** - Franklin J. Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.O. Morris of Route 1, Elba, Ala. Graduated from recruit training February 7 at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif. The graduation exercises, marking the end of nine weeks of "Boot Camp," included a full dress parade and review before officials and civilian dignitaries.

Tips for a Low-Maintenance Garden

In today's multitasking society, having a garden that is minimum maintenance is key to enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few tips for a low-maintenance garden:

1. If planting a container garden, consider using potting soils that have other additives already included.

2. These types of soils can contain fertilizers and moisture control agents, thus reducing the time dedicated to adding these supplements. Some "3-in-1" mixes also contain pesticides in addition to the fertilizers and moisture control agents; however, the results on how well these pesticides actually work is questionable.

3. Plan before you plant. Remove all weeds and till the soil in the area where the garden is to be planted. Be sure to match the plants' specific needs with your gardening area's growing conditions.

4. Select varieties that do not require frequent watering. This is especially important in Alabama, where we have an extremely hot environment. Marigolds, zinnias and lantanas are plants that tolerate drought and heat well, therefore reducing the effort required for everyday watering.

5. Plant durable perennials. Some perennials such as black-eyed Susans or bearded irises require very little special attention, and a few varieties need fertilizing only once a year.

6. Choose re-bloomers. Bulbs such as daffodils and crocus rebloom yearly with minimum care.

7. Set aside a section of the garden for native plants. These types are adapted to withstand the existing conditions of your area.

8. Arrange plants with similar growing requirements together. This will help reduce time and energy spent on zigzagging across the garden.

9. Remember to mulch. Applying mulch helps to prevent weeds from popping up, and it also aids in retaining the soil's moisture.

10. Build a boundary. Having an edge around your gardening spot will help to prevent the spread of wild growing plants into adjoining areas and will also make mowing the grass around the area easier.

11. Pick your pesticides carefully. Choose pesticides that are appropriate for controlling the specific pests that are typically encountered in your area.

Most importantly, plan to spend small increments of time performing the required duties, rather than trying to tackle all tasks in one long day. Just remember that gardening doesn't have to be a chore; it can be a hobby.

Performer with local ties recently cast in "Jesus Christ Superstar"



Natalie McKnight joined the cast of a prestigious production because she is very talented. McKnight is a graduate of Merritt Island Christian School.

and Palm Beach Atlantic University, where she majored in musical theater. She is the daughter of Cindy McKnight and Jim McKnight, city manager of Rockledge.

Natalie says she could have never made it this far without the support of her parents.

The play will be in Montgomery, Ala. on June 24, 2008 at the Civic Center. For more information, visit the website at: www.thejcsuperstar.com.

Natalie McKnight is the granddaughter of Ms. Nell Wilson and the late John C. Wilson of Zion Chapel.

She said being a part of this production is an absolute dream come true for her.



The Elba Rotary Club presented a check Tuesday, Feb. 19, to Elba High School student Kristin Kelley (right) to assist her with the cost of her upcoming trip to Europe. Kelley will travel overseas in June with the People to People Student Ambassador Program. She recently spoke to Elba Rotarians about the trip, and club members pledged \$500 to assist her with the cost. Shown above with Kelley is Rotary Club member Kaye Whitworth and Elba Rotary Club president Keith Riegle.

Doris J. Harrison named Wiregrass Rehabilitation Elba Adult Daycare Client of the Month

The Wiregrass Rehabilitation, Elba Adult Daycare client of the month of January 2008 is Ms. Doris J. Harrison of Samson, Alabama. Ms. Harrison attends daycare full time. She is always friendly to those in her presence. Although she has been through a lot this month, Doris has continued to attend daycare on a regular basis. When not at daycare, Doris enjoys spending time with her church family at Harvest Time Pentecostal Church in Samson, Alabama. Doris is a model client and is deserving of this recognition.

For more information on the WRC-Elba Adult Daycare and its services please contact



Ms. Doris J. Harrison Stephanie Daniels, Daycare Manager at 897-3151.

Randy Paine is five years old



Randy Paine

Randy Paine celebrated his fifth birthday on Saturday, January 19, at his aunt Frida Holmes' home in Sarasota, Florida. The palm fronds and colorful decorations set the luau/underwater theme of SpongeBob SquarePants. "Krabby Patty" greeted the 20 family and friends, who were encouraged to dress in yellow, as they arrived at the "Krusty Krab". Guests enjoyed a Krabby Patty relay race, a SpongeBob Scavenger Hunt, Pin the Pants on SpongeBob and Go Fish. Krabby Patties were served to the guests, along with the themed cake and punch. Randy's day was complete with a sleeper at Aunt Frida's and Cousin Alexander's. Randy's parents are Amy and Randy Paine of Sarasota, and his grandparents are Betty Joyce and Charles Ellis of Elba.

Com. Sparks and Congressman Davis announce disaster relief funds available for catfish farmers affected by 2007 drought

Commissioner Ron Sparks and Congressman Arthur Davis have announced disaster relief funds for catfish farmers. Producers who were affected by the drought last year, applied for federal disaster programs and have now met the qualifications, will be able to receive funds. "We appreciate what the

Alabama Congressional delegation has been able to do to provide help for the catfish industry," said Sparks. "Farmers around the state of Alabama are the guys that keep the economy moving forward. It seems like there are fewer and fewer of you every year," said Davis.

Kinston elementary students raise over \$3,000 for American Heart Association

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Kinston Elementary School recently participated in Hoops For Hearts and raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

"Hoops For Hearts is a program similar to Jump Rope For Heart, also sponsored by the American Heart Association," said Kinston Schools assistant principal Jennifer Lee. "This is our first year participating, and grades K-6 participated."

Lee also thanked Coach Janie Wiggins and Coach Charles Edwards for their efforts in getting the project started and keeping the kids enthused about it.

According to Lee, this year's fundraiser was a success. Total money raised during the fundraiser was \$3,773. The sixth grade classes were the top sellers, raising \$1,012.50 in donations. The top seller for the school was 12-year-old Chelbie Fuller, who raised \$300.

"My grandfather has had heart problems, and I felt like I was helping him by participating," said Chelbie when asked why the project was so important to her.

Chelbie also said her mom played an instrumental role in her success by carrying her donation forms to work with her and asking co-workers to donate. Chelbie received numerous prizes from the American Heart Association for her efforts.



Chelbie Fuller, age 12, raised the most money of all students participating in Hoops for Hearts.

When asked what all prizes

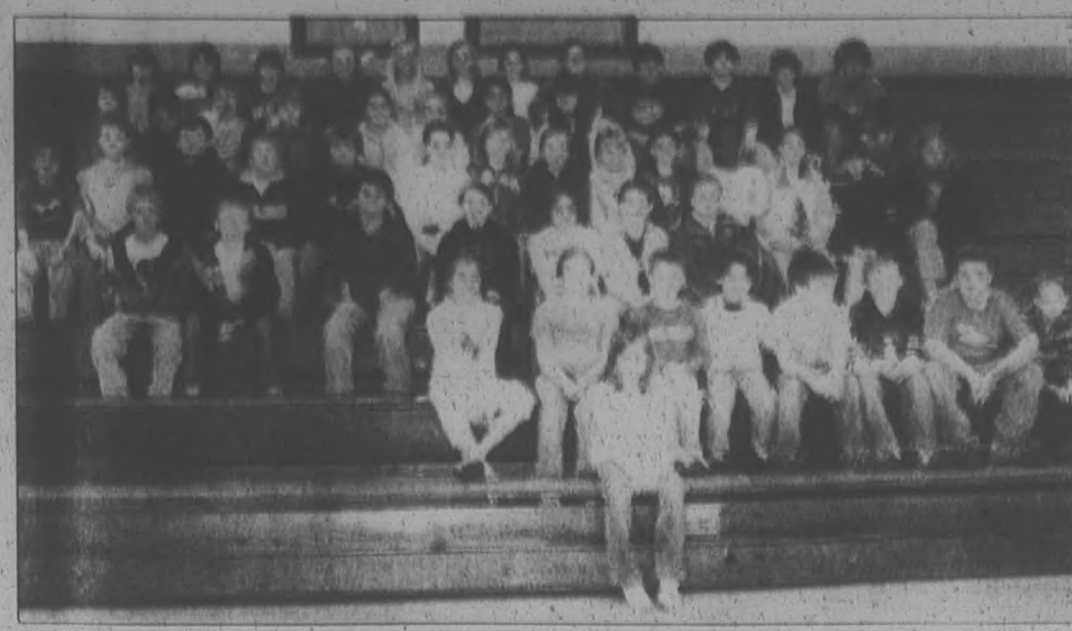
she would be receiving Chelbie said, "Um, there's too many to remember."

Prizes from the American Heart Association were given based on money raised during the fundraiser.

A special prize from the school was given to those students who raised \$50 or more. Those students were given an extra hour of P.E. time to either go outside or play basketball in the gym, according to Coach Edwards.

"50 students raised the \$50 needed to participate in the activities," Coach Edwards said. Students enjoyed participating in the activities, and many stayed inside to "shoot hoops" with their friends.

Lee congratulated and thanked students for their efforts.



These Kinston elementary students in grades K-6th each raised \$50 or more in the Hoops for Hearts program to benefit the American Heart Association. The students received a special prize last Friday morning, Feb. 15, of an extra hour of P.E. time to either go outside or play basketball in the gym.



The sixth grade class was the top class, raising over \$1,000. The above six grade students each raised \$50 or more to help the sixth grade class top all the rest.



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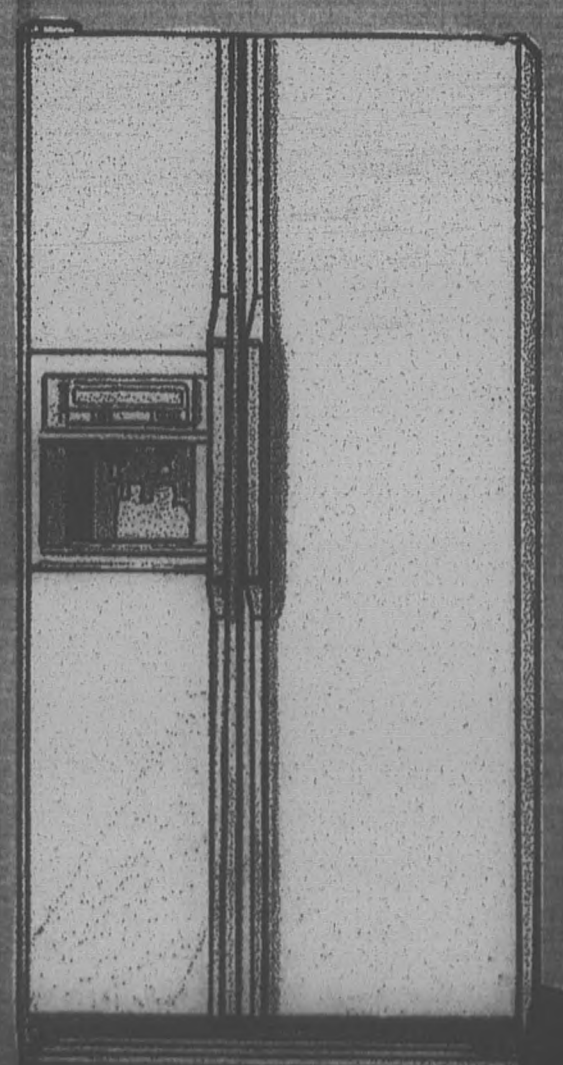


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